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(3) *Clause (c).*—As regards the threatened damage to dwelling houses as a result of the present state of the drain, no case has come to my notice nor has any been reported to me till now. As far as I know, the only village the houses in which are situated close to the drain is Vempa which is situated near the 29th mile of the drain. The drain is tidal in this reach and has a very zig-zag course below the 27th mile and Vempa is situated on a bend. The present state of affairs appears to have been in existence from a very long time and is certainly not the result of want of repairs to the Gonteru drain as the drain has got ample waterway in this portion. There does not appear to be any danger due to actual erosion although some of the low-lying portions of the village are liable to submersion during high floods in Gonteru drain and Upputeru which cannot be helped.

(4) *Clause (d).*—As stated above, observations of submersion are being conducted and a detailed report on the result of observations will be submitted as soon as the current year's observations are over to decide upon what repairs are really necessary and should be carried out.

#### APPENDIX IX.

[Vide question No. 833 asked by Mr. D. Narayana Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd October 1927, page 414 supra.]

655 Q.—MR. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what was the extent of land sought to be irrigated by the Pedalanka channel in the Kistna Eastern delta when it was formed about the year 1895;

(b) whether it is a fact that about 40,000 acres were actually irrigated for over 20 years under that channel;

(c) what was the extent irrigated under that channel in the years 1910 to 1915.

(d) whether it is a fact that a large extent of land is now excluded from its ayacut; if so, what is the extent so excluded and what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government is aware that the lands so excluded are all very low-lying lands in the Kollair region; and

(f) whether the Government is aware that the repairs of the channel have long been neglected.